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- Clement of Alexandria

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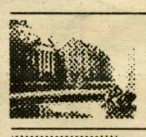

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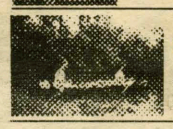

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New science building becoming a reality

by Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS WRITER

The Board of Trustees is finalizing plans for the long-awaited new science building, to be completed in the fall of 2003. Near the point of approval, the board is optimistic that it will soon be searching for the architect design team that will make this facility a reality.

Now in its final stages, the proposal for a new science building was developed by science department chairs, deans, and administrators from a long list of ideas and aspirations that began in the summer of 1996. Subsequently, they organized a subcommittee of trustees to further investigate the potential for a new facility.

At a projected cost of $35M, the facility will be built from funds raised during the New Century Campaign.

Some question the amount the colege is willing to earmark, however.

"I think that Hamilton should be aiming at the top," said chemisrty student John Doench '00. "Otherwise, 20 years from now we will be where we are now."

In March 1997, psychology professor Doug Weldon became the coordinator of this project. His responsibility includes being a liaison between the administration and trustees.

The administrative committees gained inspiration for the new building by taking trips to various college campuses. One trip in particular, Project Kaleidoscope, was very useful in determining what the design for the new building would include. This conference specialized in the discussion of the science curriculum and appropriate facilities. Committee members partook in a workshop that focused on renovation and building techniques.

There are several objectives to the addition of this new science building. First, the facility would allow science departments to work more efficiently and effectively with aditional labs and hands-on equipment for lower-level classes. This would help students learn the seemingly overwhelming introductory material.

Second, senior science concentrators will have more space to work on their senior projects. Third, new, more modern equipment will be installed in the classrooms; computer access and digital projectors would improve scientific learning. Computer and lab work would be done in the same area as lectures, allowing a much more flexible mode of teaching, according to Weldon.

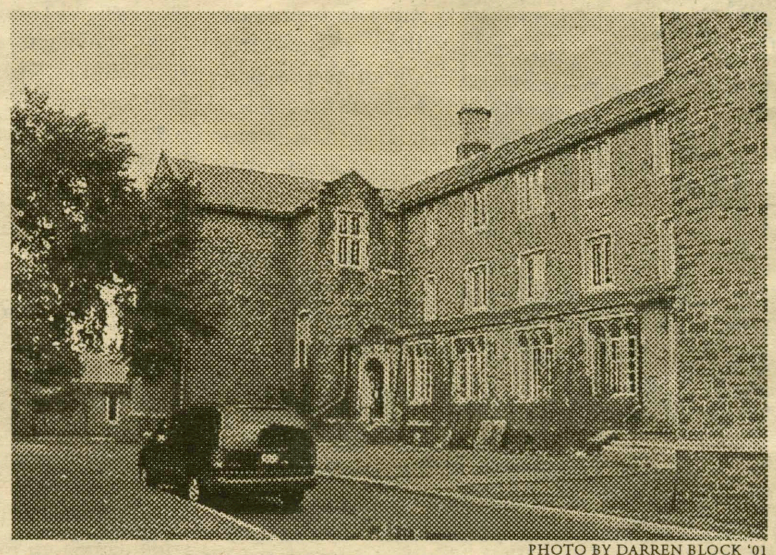

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

The existing science building will soon be Hamilton history.

This new building is preliminarily slated to be built where Dunham residence hall now stands. The housing giant will have to go in order to make room for the facility, which will hold all disciplines inlcuding chemistry and archaeology, currently in different locations.

This new addition is hoped to be well worth the wait, as the estimated completion will not be until the fall of 2003. The committee hopes to receive approval by January of 2000, and construction would start shortly thereafter.

This new space is not exclusively for science students. There will be study areas designed with "comfortable furniture throughout the departments with the hope that the building will be used by the whole campus in one form or another," said Weldon.

ELS sale pending

by James Duvernay '03
NEWS WRITER

As construction plans surge forward for the recently acquired Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house, Hamilton rests on the verge of finalizing the purchase of the Emerson Literary Society.

College officials anticipate the arrival of an approved contract from the ELS leadership as early as today. Vice President of Administration and Finance Daniel O'Leary expressed his pleasure in reaching this important juncture in the negotiations, a process he described as "long but extremely cordial on both sides."

Current ELS students seemed satisfied with the arrangement as well.

Past president Stephanie Dorenbosch '00 acknowledged that no students remain on campus who have ever lived in the house. She

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First Lady visit possible

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

New York State Senator-hopeful Hillary Clinton is "very interested" in attending a welfare conference here, staffer Samara Rifkin told the *Spectator* yesterday.

The conference, to be held in mid-October, is being organized by Hamilton professors Vivyan Adair, women's studies, and Erol Balkan, economics.

Ms. Clinton's aides were made aware of Adair's active efforts on welfare reform and education, and the two met briefly this summer. Adair said that the First Lady seemed very responsive toward her work.

The conference is expected to be a nationally-attended discussion of the problems and progress surrounding welfare allocation and policy.

Welfare, a prominent issue of the 2000 elections, can make or break a candidate with large factions of voters. Clinton has yet to state definitively her position on welfare policy, but does support welfare reform, including "child care, support and other necessities that people need to move on," she told beachgoers this summer at Long Island's Jones Beach.

KPD presence on campus is an educational effort on two wheels

by James O'Shaughnessy '00
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

It started when three of the eight officers who work bike patrol for the Kirkland Town Police wanted to see if they could ride all the way up the hill.

As quickly as the officers arrived, students began to conjure rumors of a crack-down and paced nervously behind closed doors, speculating on the existence of an anti-student plot to stop fun.

Other students, including one resident advisor and a few young women walking in a dark area, were glad to see Chief Dan English and officers Joe Piazza and Peter Hawes as well as members of Hamilton's own security department, Assistant Director Jay Duda and Jack Fanigula, motoring around campus.

What was intended to be a proactive effort to increase safety education and maintain a safe, educational environment on campus resulted in a week of curious gossip and conspiratorial hearsay.

English offered this explanation: "Our motivation was that we had been patrolling all over the township all summer. Once the college filled up again, we decided to come up on the hill."

The Kirkland Police received funding in the form of two grants to increase safety, education, and awareness in the town this year. The first grant, called the Wheel Sport Grant, is a state-issued grant created to promote the education of the rules of the road concerning bicycles, rollerblades, skate boards and seat belts. The second, the county-issued Safe Community Grant, increases the number of patrols as a crime deterrent. The idea is that the high visibility of the bike patrollers will stop crimes from happening before they start.

According to English, a number of incidents have taken place in past years to warrant police presence on campus. Many can easily recall the days of windshield-smashing in the Field House and North Lots. Reports by students of suspicious criminal activity in the Glen and campus parking lots also proved reason for English and his officers to familiarize themselves with the campus. All actions were and are intended to improve the safety of everyone.

Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls and Chief English mentioned a few other reasons that motivated the bikers to be on campus.

"Of course we want students to feel safe," Ingalls said. "We decided that if we rode together it would show the community that we're working together in a positive joint effort."

PHOTO BY RACHEL BAREK '01

The Kirkland Town Police have recently made their presence felt on the Hamilton campus.

"We want the students to feel safe," said English, "and I would say that 99 percent of our contacts were positive last Friday. With the intimidation of the police car gone, students weren't afraid to approach us and talk about everything under the sun."

The officers did make some stops to check the identification of

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Major accord imminent in society negotiations

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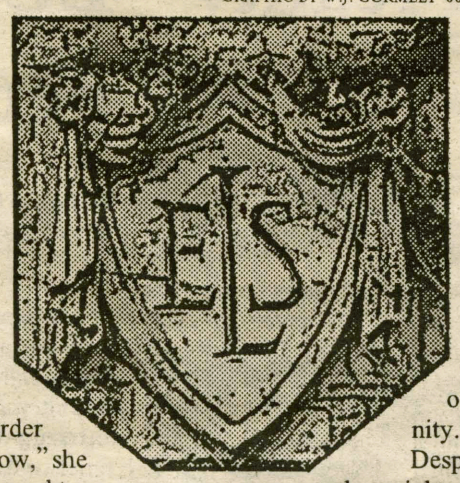
characterized the emotional attachment to the building as minimal, with students possessing a mere "shadow of a connection" to the building's more glorious past. Overall, she sees the sale as a positive move for the society that will improve its financial situation.

GRAPHIC BY W.J. GORMLEY '00



"We're looking forward to the sale in that it will bring money in order for our organization to grow," she said. "We will no longer need to contribute so much of our personal cash."

Both Dorenbosch and current ELS President Sarah Millward '01 shared sentiments wishing this beautiful building to be put to good use and not wasted.

Once the contract has been signed, the executive council of ELS, led by its President Stephan Sislo '72, will move forward with the next step – notification of the sale to its present membership of 711. New York State laws governing this type of real estate transaction requires a minimum response of 50 percent plus one of the current membership, in this case 357 votes. Of those 357, two-thirds must approve the sale before the contract becomes binding.

ELS will hold its annual meeting in late October to facilitate this vote. O'Leary predicts the sale closing to occur sometime in early November.

The Emerson Literary Society developed in 1882 out of the Hamilton College Debating Club to "oppose the evils of secret societies," while operating out of Emerson Hall. Initially open to all "non-secret society members," by 1918 ELS itself had developed into a selective organization. After a fire destroyed Emerson Hall, the current structure was erected in 1929.

Assuming the sale receives final acceptance and approval by society members, the college must decide how to best utilize its new facility. O'Leary said that a planning committee in unison with the college board of trustees sees great potential for the building and has already begun analyzing options for the building to best serve the needs of the college community.

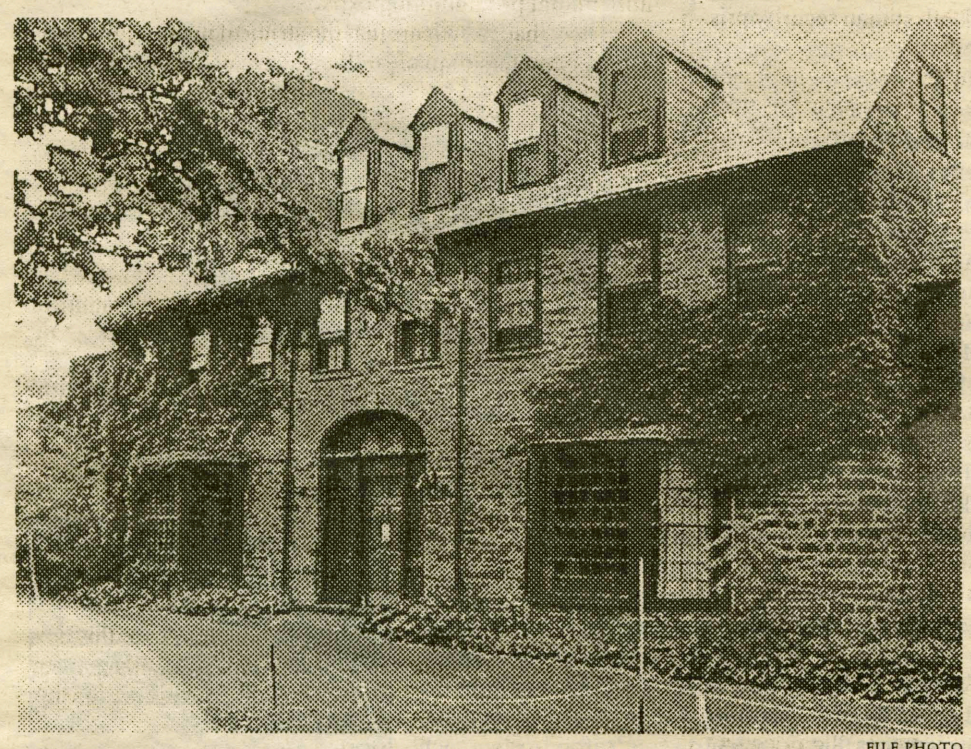
Despite a lack of concrete plans right now for the house, he feels confident that the space will be implemented within the next five years.

Millward hopes students will have the opportunity to live in the house once again, noting that the inside is "amazing, and it would be a waste to use it for offices."

O'Leary did not rule out the possibility of using it for housing, but pointed out that the renovations of the former AD House should alleviate the housing crunch the college currently faces. Any future utilization of the building will require significant renovations in order to satisfy mandatory building codes. At present, only the first floor meets such requirements. O'Leary mentioned academic purposes, such as classroom and seminar space, as likely temporary prospects.

College officials see this acquisition as a real asset for the college. In addition to the building's location near the geographical center of campus, the house radiates a "rich architectural and historical importance" that is not to be overlooked in any renovation plans, according to O'Leary.

With this purchase, he said, only the Sigma Phi property remains in private hands. The 1995 Residential Life decision to phase out special interest housing for the "long-term good of the college" continues to be enacted.



FILE PHOTO

Pending a vote by Society Trustees, the Emerson Literary Society house will be acquired by the College. Prominently located on College Hill Road, the building will likely be used as classroom and seminar space.

Safety: Badges on Bikes

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students and to make some residents aware of their responsibilities regarding alcohol. The bikers stopped cars pulling out of parking lots and stopped at intersections. The officers made six precautionary stops, advising drivers to put on their seatbelts. In all, they issued 15 oral warnings to students with open containers and took care of a noise complaint at Kirkland and an alarm at the mail center. The officers helped security with property checks of the residence halls, Root Glen, golf course, and baseball field.

They checked out four parties on Griffin Road, and found no underage drinking or other problems, much to the joy of all parties.

Officers made an estimated 400 to 500 community contacts and rode an approximate 18 miles during the night.

Since the emphasis Friday night was that bikers were not up here to promote or make arrests, the overall impression from Chief English and Ingalls was that the night was a very positive experience. Apparently, it was one they wouldn't mind doing again if the opportunity presents itself.

Ride On!

Also in safety news...

Now that school is in session, Chenango Avenue (in front of The Great American) has a speed limit of 15 mph, which will be strictly enforced.

From September 10 -19 there will be a statewide campaign for seatbelt safety that will involve periodic road-checks.

In November, there will be another campaign for Safe and Sober Drivers. There will be seatbelt and sobriety road-checks statewide.

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Week's highlights in history

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1776 - The second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

1850 - California became the 31st state of the union.

1926 - The National Broadcasting Co., NBC, was created by the Radio Corporation of America.

1943 - Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.

1948 - The People's Democratic Republic of Korea was created.

1956 - Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

1957 - President Eisenhower signed into law the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.

1971 - Prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that claimed 43 lives. Below, state prisons Commissioner Russell Oswald, lower left, negotiates with the prisoners.

1976 - Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung died in Beijing at age 82.

1993 - PLO leaders and Israel agreed to recognize each other, clearing the way for a peace accord.

1993 - Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was buried in his homeland, four years after his death in exile.

1997 - Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future.

1998 - Four tourists who had paid $32,500 each were taken in a tiny submarine to view the wreckage of the Titanic, 2 miles below the Atlantic off Newfoundland.

1998 - Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr delivered to Congress 36 boxes of material concerning his investigation of President Clinton.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Cristen Sargent '01

SAT soon could record social factors

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. To help colleges and universities with the sticky admissions process, the Educational Testing Service, the company behind the SAT, may soon label high-scoring students who have overcome adverse social backgrounds as "strivers."

The system still is in the research stages, but anti-affirmative action activists fear the acceptance of a model which takes into account a student's race.

Using survey questions at the beginning of the test, the system would consider 14 factors in determining a student's environment.

Issues such as parents' education level, family income amounts, attendance of inner-city schools, speaking English as a second language and having economically disadvantaged classmates all would be factors surveyed on the SATs.

Students who scored at least 200 points higher than the average student with a comparably disadvantaged background would merit the title "striver" on their scores.

University of Virginia Asst. Dean of Students Glenna Chang said the SATs have been criticized in the past for racial bias, and now it sounds as though they are trying to equalize.

Texas court grapples with affirmative action

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — University of Texas System officials will wait until a pending appeal before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is settled before they consider race as a factor in financial aid and scholarships.

The announcement Friday came as Texas Attorney General John Cornyn rescinded his predecessor's interpretation of the Hopwood ruling, opening the door for public universities to use affirmative action in scholarships and financial aid.

Hopwood is the 1996 5th Circuit decision that effectively ended affirmative action in Texas colleges and universities that receive federal funding.

The previous opinion from former Attorney General Dan Morales contended the Hopwood case pertained to every aspect of state universities including admissions, recruiting and financial aid.

But Cornyn warned schools around the state not to revamp their financial aid systems just yet, citing unsteady legal ground in light of a pending appeal before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We advise state universities in Texas to await a resolution of Hopwood in the 5th Circuit or the Supreme Court before restructuring or adopting new procedures for their financial aid programs," Cornyn said.

UT System Chancellor William Cunningham said in a statement that the issue would be brought before the UT System Board of Regents before making a decision on affirmative action within the system.

Berkeley demonstrators demand immunity

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — University of California at Berkeley students held a rally in front of California Hall Tuesday, demanding that Chancellor Robert Berdahl drop charges against eight students who were involved in last semester's ethnic studies demonstrations.

Members of the Third World Liberation Front submitted a letter to Berdahl requesting the university and UC police drop charges against students who participated in the takeover of various campus buildings in April. The students said they want a response within the next two weeks.

Members of the Third World Liberation Front demanded that all Office of Student Conduct charges, letters of admonishment and criminal charges be dropped. Additionally, the group called for the reinstatement of Sara Kaplan, a current graduate student who was dismissed from her job at the Recreational Sports Facility.

In total, 51 students were arrested and charged by the Office of Student Conduct. Although 43 students were given letters of admonishment, 8 students were punished more severely, said Stacey Hólguin, a manager in the Office of Student Activities and Services.

Some of the students are facing criminal charges that range from resisting arrest to assaulting, spitting and throwing bottles at officers, said UC police Capt. Bill Cooper.

Of the eight students who are still facing additional charges, two of them had prior arrests, Cooper said. The others were arrested on more serious charges because their actions went beyond simple civil disobedience.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Church accuses militia of massacre

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church accused pro-Indonesian militiamen of targeting nuns and priests in predominantly Catholic East Timor, where voters have overwhelmingly chosen independence from mostly Muslim Indonesia.

"The world is talking and we're dying," nun Esmeralda de Araujo was quoted as saying by the Vatican's newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. "It's hell here and I'd like to cry out to everybody to save us. But no one seems to want to hear."

More than 200,000 East Timorese have been forced to leave their homeland, U.N. officials said. More than 50,000 were shipped to militia-run camps in West Timor, where refugees told of massacres and arson attacks by anti-independence militias either backed or led by Indonesian army units.

International outrage grew Thursday, with the Pentagon suspending official relations with the Indonesian military, and foreign ministers at an Asia-Pacific summit demanding that Indonesian leaders stop the rampaging militias. While some countries advocated an international peacekeeping force, key nations shied away from committing troops absent an invitation from the Indonesian government.

In Washington, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday that the crisis presents no threat to U.S. national interests that would justify sending American troops.

Arsenic spill prompts swimming warning

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Residents were warned not to swim off some beaches in this western Australian city on Thursday after nearly 2,000 pounds of arsenic was flushed into a waterway.

Authorities also banned the sale and harvest of local mussels as a precaution after the presence of arsenic was discovered. The deadly poison was emptied into storm drains leading to the Cockburn Sound over the past six weeks during decommissioning work at an ammonia factory, the Department of Environmental Protection said.

The factory's owner informed authorities of the spill on Wednesday. Tests were to be conducted on the water, crabs, fish and other marine life. Officials said that although levels of contamination were likely to be low, even small traces or arsenic could cause nausea.

Perth, West Australia's state capital, is located about 1,550 miles west of Sydney.

Israelis free 199 Palestinians

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Just past daybreak Thursday, the Israeli prison gates swung open and eight buses carrying 199 handcuffed Palestinian security prisoners drove out under police escort.

By breakfast time, the inmates were home in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, their first moments of freedom sweetened by gun salutes, bagpipe serenades and hugs and kisses from relatives weeping with joy.

The release got the new Israeli-Palestinian peace deal off to a smooth start and paves the way for the next step, an Israeli transfer of 7 percent of the West Bank, or 160 square miles, to Palestinian civilian rule by the weekend.

On Thursday evening, Israel was to hand Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat the maps outlining the transfer of the land to Palestinian civil control. Senior Palestinian and Israeli officials had already reviewed and approved the maps.

The handover is to be completed before Monday's festive launch of talks on a historic final peace accord that aims to end decades of hostility and bloodshed. The talks will address sensitive issues, including the borders and nature of the Palestinian entity and the future of Jewish settlements.

The prisoner releases began just after dawn Thursday when the buses rolled out of two Israeli jails. Still cuffed with black plastic ropes, some of the prisoners raised their hand in triumph and flashed victory signs. Others chanted "God is great" and sang the Palestinian anthem "My Homeland."

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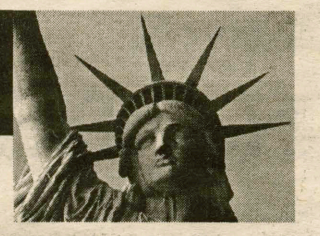

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Clinton offers gun buyback cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a page from local communities, President Clinton announced a $15 million federal plan Thursday to slow gun violence by having authorities buy firearms in and around public housing projects.

Meanwhile, a group of mayors joined with members of Congress, police chiefs and clergy to urge the House of Representatives to enact tougher gun safety measures passed earlier this year by the Senate.

Standing on the steps of the Capitol, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, compared the 20 mayors gathered there to an infantry division in a battle to reduce gun violence.

"We need some air support from the House," Webb said.

Clinton said the new federal program will give local police departments up to $500,000 each to buy guns in and around public housing projects for a "suggested price" of $50. The guns will be destroyed, the White House said.

Clinton twice recited this statistic to mayors and police chiefs at his White House meeting: American children under 15 are nine times more likely to die by accidental shooting than children in the other 25 industrialized nations combined.

NYC tries to combat encephalitis

NEW YORK (AP) — In New York City, where murder is down and the quality of life is up, there's suddenly a deadly new menace: mosquitoes.

Three people have died in the last few weeks in an outbreak of mosquito-borne encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. Nine other people have been infected, and 56 other possible cases are being investigated.

Health officials in helicopters and on foot began spraying pesticide around the city last weekend to prevent the spread of the disease. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Thursday that forested or swampy areas in the entire city will be sprayed over the next several days.

The spraying is aimed at stagnant pools of water where the bugs breed.

"The more dead mosquitoes, the better," Giuliani said. Roger Nasci, an entomologist with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said it is "exceedingly rare" for the disease to hit a Northeastern city, and blamed the outbreak on "bad luck."

It was New York's first confirmed outbreak of the disease, a strain known as St. Louis encephalitis. One of the confirmed cases was in the borough of Brooklyn. All of the rest have been in Queens.

Day of nines goes by smoothly

NEW YORK (AP) — The dreaded date 9-9-99 arrived Thursday with no immediate reports of any major Y2K-like computer trouble, boosting the confidence of the end-of-millennium programming experts.

There had been fears that the string of nines might cause some computers to misread the date as an old command to end a program.

But those concerns appeared to be largely unfounded, as most experts predicted after months of review and tests.

"It's just one more confirmation that our analysis and testing have been really solid," said T.D. Fehr, vice president for airplane systems at Boeing Co.

For the most part, computers abroad also behaved well, according to information from more than a dozen countries gathered by the International Y2K Cooperation Center in Washington.

The only possible glitch occurred at a Tasmania technical college where Australian officials were looking into reports of malfunctioning spreadsheet programs.

The Year 2000 bug, which can cause some computers to wrongly interpret the two-digit year "00" as 1900, is still a looming issue. Nevertheless, Y2K officials believe that because they were on target Thursday, they should be on target with Jan. 1 predictions, too.

But "no one should be foolish enough to take this as a sign that we're going to coast through the Y2K changeover with no problems," warned Don Meyer, spokesman for the Senate's Y2K advisory committee.

Several industries took advantage of the changeover to rehearse their New Year's Day operations and test backup systems.

New faculty announced

NEWS RELEASE

Bobby Fong, dean of the faculty, announced the appointment of new faculty for the 1999-2000 academic year, including eight tenure track appointments, 28 visiting professors, and 25 others. New tenure track appointments include:

Debra Boutin, assistant professor of mathematics, earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Smith College and a Ph.D. from Cornell University. She received a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship and is a member of the Association for Women in Mathematics, American Mathematical Society, and Mathematical Association of America.

Alistair E. Campbell, computer science instructor, earned his Ph.D. and master's degrees from the University at Buffalo and his bachelor's degree from Colgate University. He has lectured on computer science at the State University of New York at Buffalo and instructed at Millard Fillmore College. Also, he has participated in the AAAI Doctoral Consortium at the annual meeting of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence.

Stephen Festin, assistant professor of biology, earned a master's and Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from Albany Medical College and a bachelor's degree from Villanova University. He has taught at Albany Medical College in the biochemistry and biophysics departments and received a National Cancer Institute IRTA fellowship and a National Cancer Institute minority NRSA fellowship.

Gillian Gane, english instructor, earned a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and has been assistant editor of the scholarly journal, College English. She was a lecturer in the English department of the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Ariadna Garcia-Bryce, assistant professor of Romance languages, earned a bachelor's degree in comparative literature at Yale University and a Ph.D. in Spanish literature at Princeton. She taught Spanish and Latin American literature at Columbia University.

Gordon Jones, assistant professor of physics, earned a Ph.D. in nuclear physics and master's degree in physics from Princeton and a bachelor's degree from Williams College. He was with the Physics Division Neutron Interactions and Dosimetry Group at the NIST and has published and lectured on neutron decay for several professional conferences and scientific publications.

Kirsten Paap, sociology instructor, earned a bachelor's and master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Madison-Wisconsin. She has contributed a chapter for a forthcoming book, The Social Construction of Gender, with Jonathan Harrington.

Jun Qian, assistant professor of comparative literature, earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkely, and a bachelor's degree from Beijing Foreign Studies University, China. He has taught at Barnard College, Columbia University, Santa Clara University, UC Berkeley, and Nanjing Normal University, and has a forthcoming book, Oriental Modern: Lin Yutang Translating China and America.

Class of 2003 Student Assembly Elections

Positions Available:
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Five Representatives
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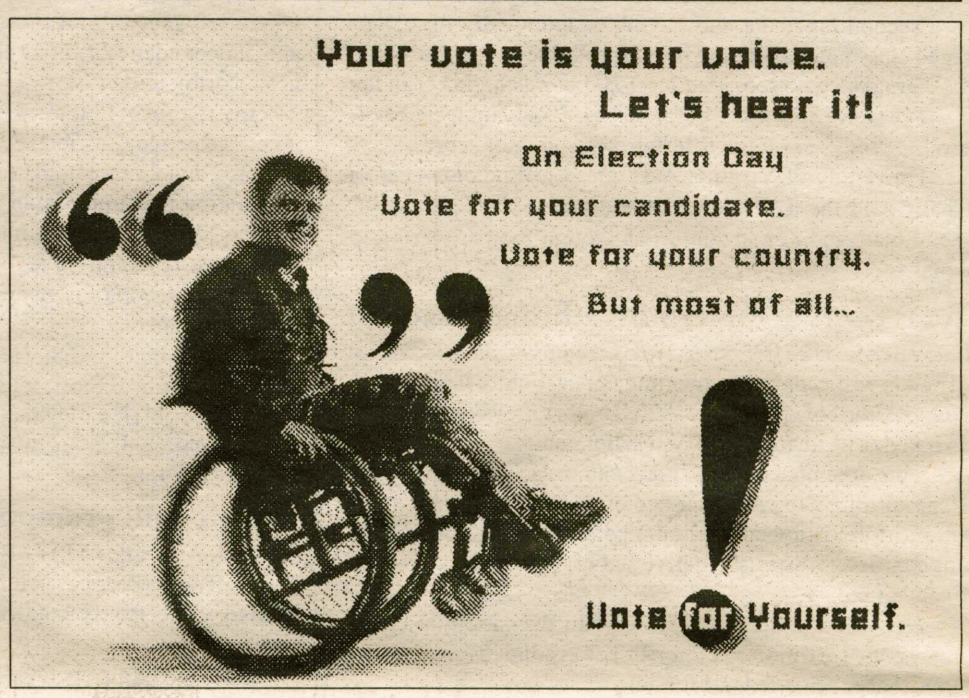
One Judicial Board Representative

Applications are available in the mail center and are due by Sept. 15. Completed applications go to Meghan Reynolds via campus mail. Questions, call Meghan at x2655.

Elections will take place Sept. 22.



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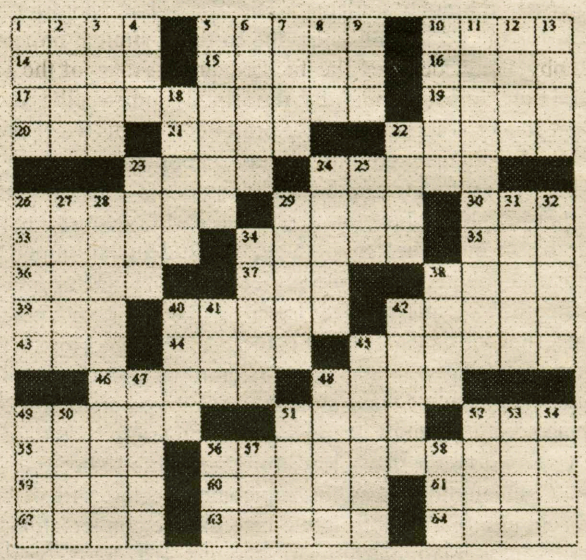

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Editorial

The presence of the Kirkland Police Department on Hamilton's campus at the beginning of this year, especially over the past weekend, caused a great deal of consternation among students. The *Spectator* made the decision to investigate the reason for the police presence due to these student concerns. As it turned out, the Kirkland Police Department did not have a serious or heavy-handed agenda for their program on campus. Hopefully, the article in this week's News section will help to allay student concerns about the police presence, but it is worth considering that a significant number of students were initially upset about the situation.

The largest factor responsible for students' concerns was most likely the negative bias that people in their late teens and early twenties hold toward police officers in general. In most locales, high school students are much more likely to experience negative encounters with the police than they are to interact positively with them. Whether they are chastised for loitering in downtown areas, or pulled over in their cars because they look suspicious, the stories of teenagers interacting with police that border on harassment have an amazing power to be simultaneously embellished and spread. Due to the power of these stories, a negative perception of police officers is firmly entrenched in the minds of most American youth by the time they get to college.

A second factor that allowed the concerns to become sufficiently widespread to warrant our attention was the reluctance on the part of students to take the direct approach, and find out through a face to face conversation with a police officer what their reasons were for patrolling on campus. If a relatively small number of students had taken that step, and passed on the real story to their peers, rather than spreading unfounded rumors, perhaps our News article wouldn't have been necessary. The reasons for this reluctance to initiate a direct discussion with a police officer probably vary among individuals. However, regardless of the reasons, that reluctance on the part of this age group is not unique to Hamilton College. It seems that it would have been obvious to trained law enforcement professionals that students would react with consternation to the sudden presence of police officers on the Hill, especially after years of looking to Hamilton's campus security department as the only law enforcement officers on campus.

A simple effort on the part of the Kirkland Police and the campus safety department to inform students about the purpose and role of the bike patrols on campus would have helped to alleviate student concerns. Although the officers involved had many positive interactions with members of the Hamilton community, perhaps they would have been even more successful by communicating more effectively with the Hamilton prior to the beginning of the patrols. The potential for bad press increases exponentially with the number of people who misunderstand a situation. Hopefully, we have done our part to correct the negative impressions that have already been imparted.

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Letters

Anti Anti-trust Team

To The Editor:

I am a New York Yankees fan, and I didn't mind Brent Cebul's article, "America's Anti-Trust Team", in last week's Spectator. What I did mind, however, were the large number of factual inaccuracies in his article.

Firstly, the Yankees farm system has produced numerous players of worth over the last decade. Some of these players include Fred McGriff, Jay Buhner, Bernie Williams, Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada, Ricky Ledee, Mariano Rivera, and Andy Pettite. Clearly the Yankees' farm system is far more advanced and productive than Mr. Cebul realizes.

Secondly, if Mariano Rivera is struggling, what is Mr. Cebul's definition of success? Since August 1, Mariano Rivera has 11 saves and a 0.00 era, which prompted Peter Gammons to call him the most lethal reliever in baseball right now on Sundays *Baseball Tonight*. In addition, Andy Pettite, while not having a tremendous season, has picked up his performance markedly since the all -star break to become one of the Yankees' most consistent pitchers.

Thirdly, money has always been an issue in major league sports, especially baseball, although before free agency players were bought and sold by owners, much the same as soccer players are in Europe. The top players have always commanded top dollar, and will continue to do so. Mr. Cebul should be fortunate that the Indians are able to afford a relatively high payroll to keep what players they can. In addition, paying top dollar for players does not guarantee success. Look at the Orioles and the mess that they are in right now, and on the other hand look at the Cincinnati Reds and the Oakland Athletics, who have won this year with small payrolls.

In conclusion, I think the Indians are an exciting team to watch, and that John Hart is an excellent general manager. Selling out Jacobs Field every night is quite an achievement. However, to criticize the Yankees for their success without researching the topic seems a bit like whining to me. I'm sorry that Mr.Cebul resents the Yankees' winning ways, but sometimes the best team does win, regardless of how it is assembled.

Sincerely,

Keith St.Germain '00

Counseling services clarified

To the Editor:

As the Director of Hamilton's Office of Counseling and Psychological Services and as Chair of this year's Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs, I feel compelled to correct the impression that was unfortu-

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nately provided in last week's column about the services provided for students who may be concerned about excessive use of alcohol. The author of that article described a program at another institution in which a student's drinking behavior is carefully assessed and reviewed. The student then meets with a counselor to discuss the results of the assessments and to consider future behavior. While the author of the article never stated that such programs don't exist at Hamilton, I believe that readers may have reached such an erroneous conclusion based on the way in which the article was written. No mention of programs here at Hamilton was made.

Students have always had the opportunity to review and discuss their drinking behavior with many administrators at Hamilton, and can always do so at the Counseling Center under the strictest rules of confidentiality. This service, of course, is voluntary. Furthermore, the Hamilton College administration instituted the TRAC (Toward Responsible Awareness of Chemicals) Program four years ago. This is an intensive program that includes six 90-minute classes and two individual interviews. In addition, the AES (Alcohol Education Seminar) was instituted last year as a shorter program (one two hour session) in which students may assess their drinking behavior and consider new choices. Students may be mandated into these programs based on their behavior, or they may attend voluntarily.

The Hamilton College administration has always provided services for students who wish to voluntarily explore any aspects of their drinking behavior, and now for others who are mandated to do so. To suggest otherwise in a public forum is potentially harmful to students, and hurtful to those who have invested many hours, usually in the evening, to provide those services.

Bob Kazin

Director of Counseling and Psychological Services
Chair of Presidential Coalition on Alcohol

September 9, 1999

To the Editor:

I was glad to see Zack Kouwe's article on alcohol problems ("Alcohol problems should be dealt with directly, rather than with academics") appearing in the September third Spectator .

First of all, I am not sure of the accuracy of Mr. Kouwe's assertion that "one of the publicly stated motives behind the alleged enhancement of Hamilton's academic curriculum was the continuation of the administration's crackdown on binge drinking." I wonder if the faculty, creator of the curriculum changes, agrees that cracking down on binge drinking is a goal in the curriculum review process?

At any rate, the writer expressed his concerns about alcohol problems and how they might be handled. I am not personally familiar with the University of Washington, but I do agree in principle with the approach to binge drinking suggested by Mr. Kouwe. In fact, I want to make sure that students know we do have a program here at Hamilton quite similar to the one outlined.

We are collaborative in our approach and coordination of services. The services include individual counseling and alcohol assessments as well as educational programs for any Hamilton student, including those who have had problems as a result of their drinking. Both AES (Alcohol Education Seminar) and TRAC (Towards Responsible Awareness of Chemicals) are held every semester. In the four years of TRAC, approximately 60 students have taken the class. AES was added last year and 20 students have participated.

These two programs are designed to help students become more knowledgeable about the physiological effects of alcohol, understand the addiction process, learn the difference between low-risk and high-risk drinking choices, recognize the possible consequences of high-risk choices, become more aware of their relationship to alcohol, and be better prepared to make choices that are consistent with personal goals and values.

As a counselor in the Counseling and Psychological Services office, I am centrally involved with many of these efforts, including the President's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs, which was created last year to try and reduce the negative consequences of drinking. Any students, faculty or community members interested in becoming involved should contact Bob Kazin, Chair of the committee, at #4340.

Jan Fisher

Counselor
Counseling and Psychological Services

Poor choice of words in race article

September 7, 1999

To the Editor,

In reading Lisa Widowski's article of September 3, 1999, entitled, "Race poll receives national attention," I found myself incredibly bothered by her thoughtless paraphrasing of the following statement- " 50 % of white respondents agreed that it's OK if the races are basically separate, as long as everyone has equal opportunities."

In her own words, Widowski writes in the first paragraph of her article, "Approximately one-half of recently polled 18 to 29-year olds said that segregation of races is acceptable, as long as equal opportunity exists for everyone." Miss Widowski, do you honestly believe that the "segregation of races" has the same meaning as the races being "basically separate" ? Do you believe that the unlawful discrimination against the black race which occurred within the US well into this century, forbidding them to eat at their local drugstore food counter, for example, is the equivalent of observing a group of black students eating amongst themselves (by choice) in Commons or The Diner? Are these two examples truly one and the same?

Widowski's word choice is a terribly poor one, for the word "segregation" evokes many very negative + dangerous connotations within our all too socially sensitive society. Worst still is the location of her sentence in the first paragraph on the front page of the Spectator- the most crucial part of any newspaper article when one considers that readers often do not read much farther into the article than the first few paragraphs. Was this a careless error on Widowski's part and the part of the Spectator staff? I hope so. Otherwise, we have come across another example of the media's distortion and manipulation of events as well as speech, and the unfortunate dishing out of unreliable and inaccurate information. Thus, even our little enclave of Hamilton has been tainted by media's all too often misleading ways.

Perhaps it is my own misinterpretation of the poll's question that has occurred. If so, so be it. However, I honestly don't believe that "segregation" is acceptable to 50% of our youth who are otherwise optimistic about race relations as was mentioned by the NAACP, according to Widowski's article. There is something illogical in regards to these contradictory viewpoints. Wouldn't you agree?

Sincerely,

Mara Whalen '00

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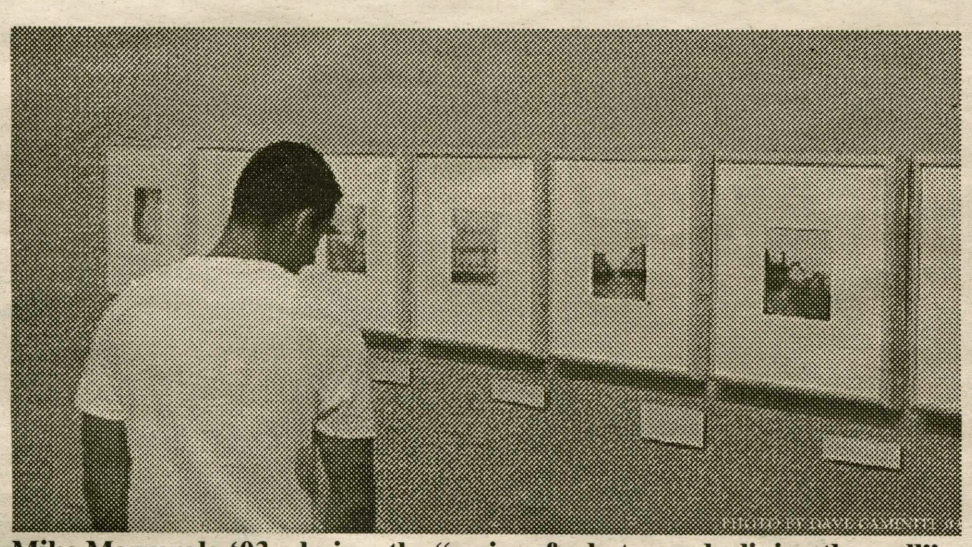
Emerson exhibit contains both form and function

by Brook Noland '00
SPECTATOR ART CRITIC

Emerson Gallery presents "Mapping the West: Nineteenth Century American Landscape Photographs from the Boston Public Library." The exhibit features four photographers: Carleton Watkins, Alexander Gardner, Timothy O'Sullivan and John Hillers. The photographs in this exhibit are a pictorial record of the attitudes towards the developing west and its primary interests: the progressive railroads, ethnographic record, and the economic potential of landscapes and of tourism. The exhibit will be open through October 7, 1999.



Mike Mazzerala '03 admires the "series of photographs lining the wall" at the Emerson's exhibit

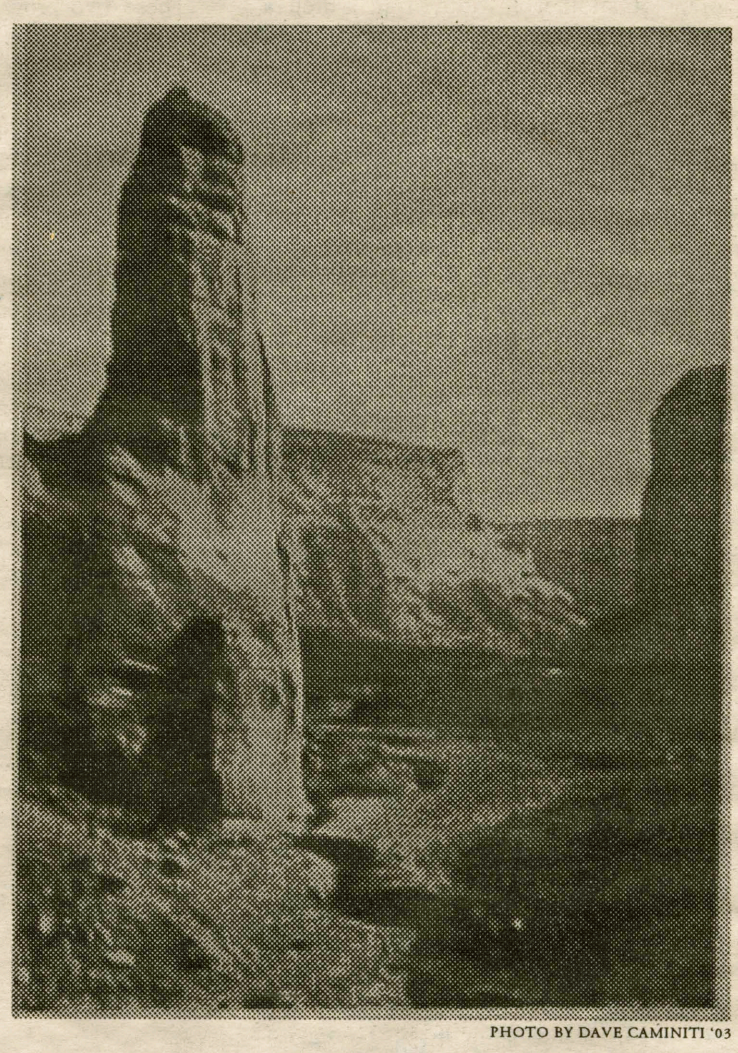
Walking into the gallery on the left, I notice a series of photographs lining the wall , as if I am looking at a film reel. These are the works of photographer Alexander Gardner, who worked for the Kansas Railroad. These photos follow the already completed rails in Kansas and the path it would later follow to the West Coast through southeastern Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. They exquisitely depict the natural beauty of the land through the use of composition and subject matter while documenting the move westward as a profitable venture for investors.

The stunning architecture of John Hillers catches my eye as I walk through to the other side of the room. Hillers' work is an ethnographic survey of the Pueblo Indian Tribes along the Rio Grande. Hillers documented the lives of the Pueblo Tribes as they existed in the western landscapes. The beautiful compositions of Pueblo architecture depict the Tribes as more of a permanent aspect of the West. The interesting thing about the photographs is that there are few actual Indians in the photographs. Those who do appear are shown from a far-off distance and seem relatively harmless within their environment. I wonder if this was done to promote threatening views of the Indians on the part of Easterners?

In the center exhibit room, the pastoral beauty of Timothy O'Sullivan's show expressions of a particular place and time. O'Sullivan worked for the War Department taking expansive panoramic pictures, providing military strategists with information for operations against the Indians giving settlers and developers more information about landscapes.

As I walked into the last exhibit room I saw something much different from the other works. The most stunning of the collected works in "Mapping of the West" are the works of Carleton Watkins. This led me to believe that Watkins' photographs represented something much more personal to him than the works of other artists. While the work is outstanding as one can see in the detail of rocks in the foreground and of the whole composition including tree lines, mountains and the skyline. Watkins' technique not only emphasizes height and depth but an overall clarity producing dramatic and powerful images of Yosemite Valley landscapes.

The subject matter and the reason why these photographs are currently on exhibit today in "Mapping the West" raise many salient questions about how we are to view these images. In the nineteenth century, these photographs were used more as documentation (even Watkins images were bought by tourists to remember their visit west rather than for an appreciation of the artistic values of the photograph itself). Were these photographs viewed as something more than just documentation when they were first made? Why do we have them hanging in an art gallery today? Do we appreciate them more for their original value as photographs or for what they represent as photographs to us in the twentieth century?



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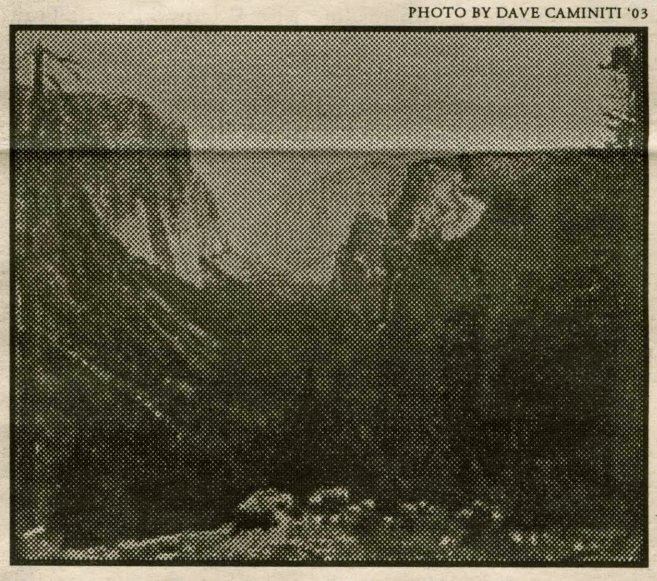
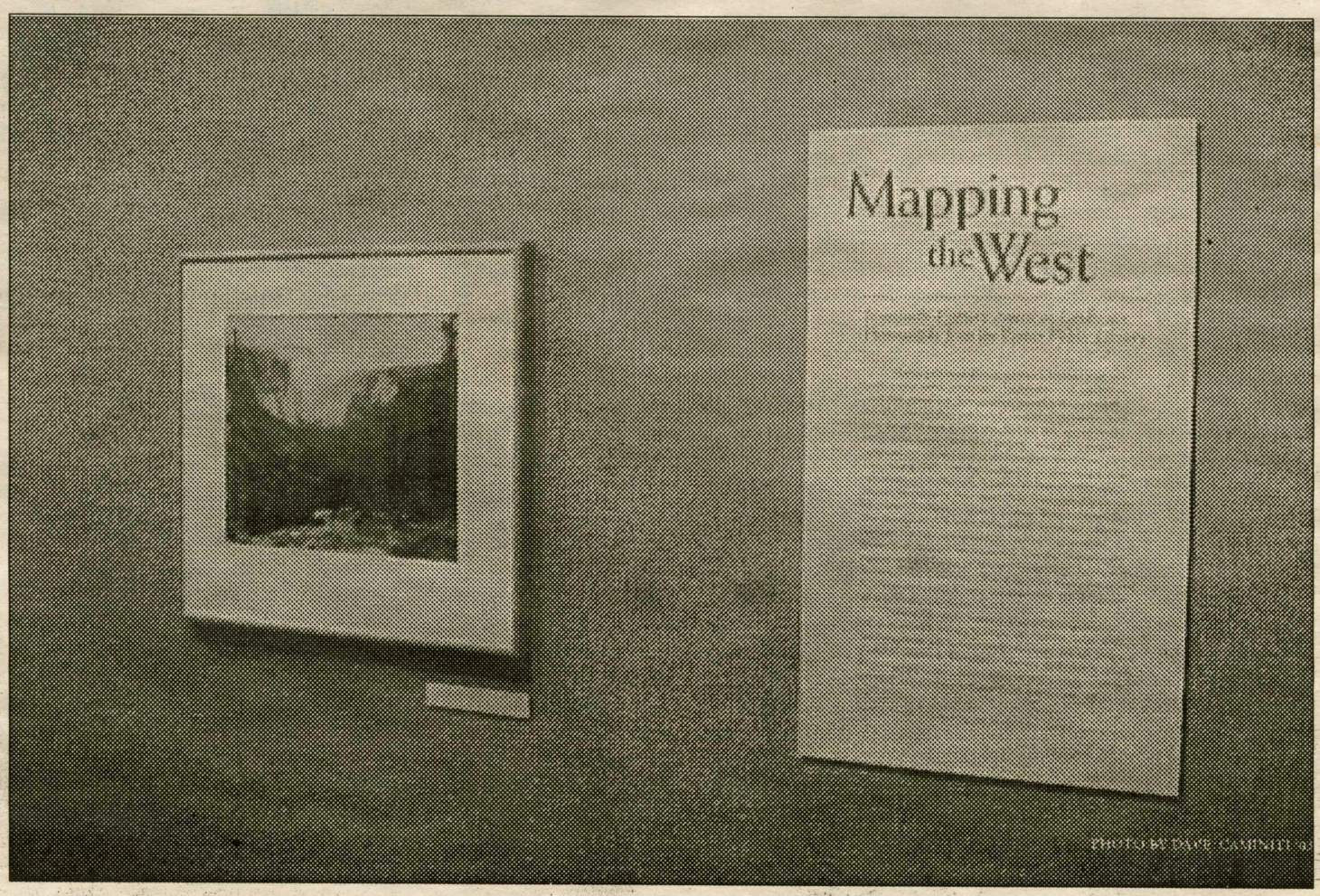
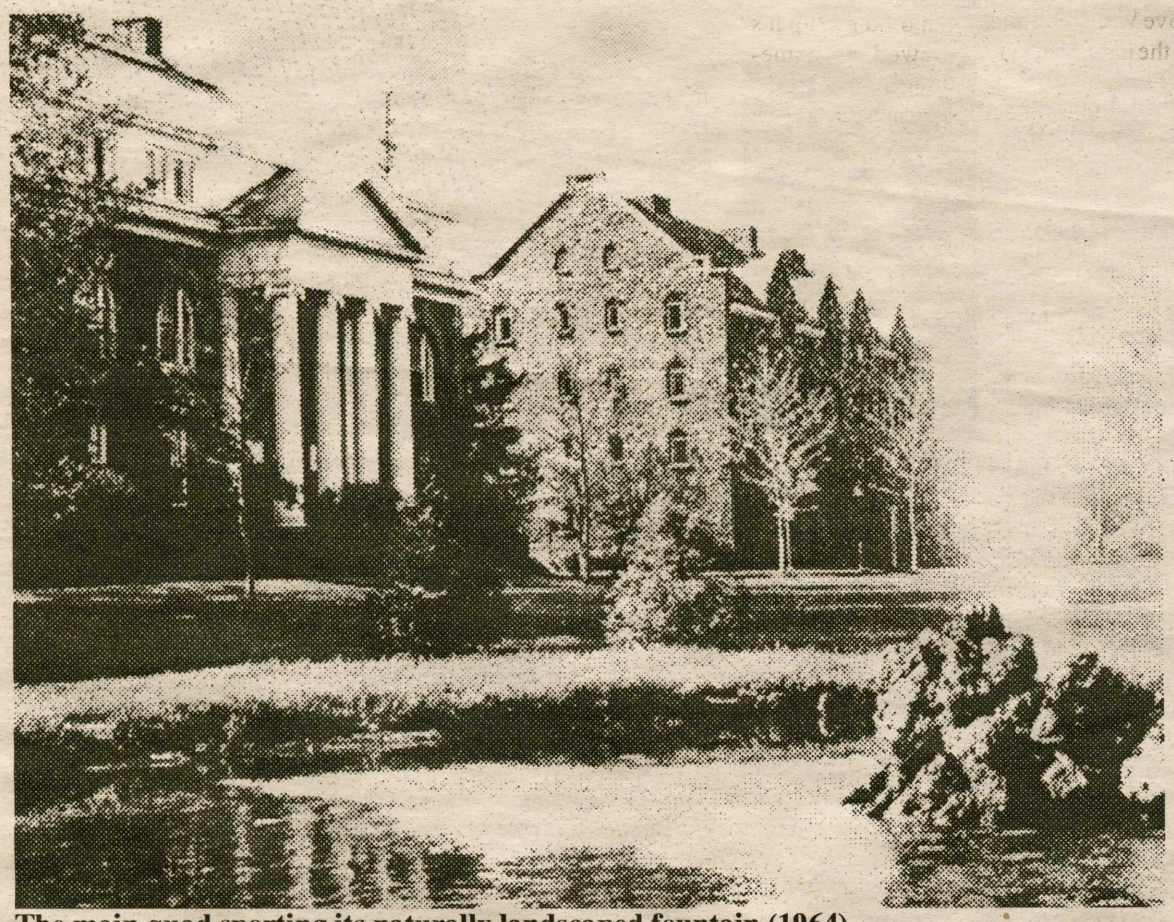


What appears to the modern audience as an artistic depiction of the American West was originally intended primarily as a functional record of the contents of our territory





The main quad sporting its naturally landscaped fountain (1964)

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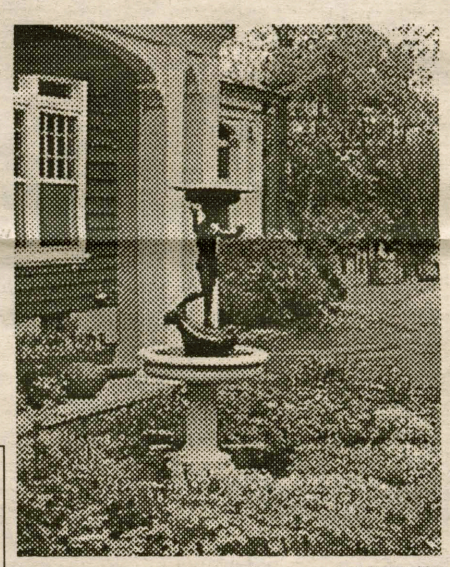
The distruction of the remodeled and often defaced fountain (1972)

"A review...of the various proposals that have been made has resulted in the decision to demolish the fountain in the main quad , level the area and , if it seems appropreate, plant a tree or two."

J. Martin Carvarno.
College President
August 3, 1972
Memorandum to Physical Plant

"The fountain should provide a pleasant place for students and faculty to talk, read, and think."

David Irving '68
May, 1968
Senior Study proposal for rebuilding the fountain in a more aesthetically pleasing form, after witnessing the addition of its concrete base



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Once upon a time, an inconspicuous fountain adorned the green in front of Buttrick. Its lack of aesthetic flaws, however, did not compensate for the water it wasted. Last year it disappeared from the landscape and was replaced with a walled enclosure which, some said, looked more like an anti-aircraft emplacement in Hanoi than a fountain. The new device has a recirculating pump and three colored lights. Its basin was covered with an aqua-marine preservative this spring, an event which caused the students to register their unhappiness with the device by a midnight polka-dot paint party and the erection of a diving board. The sign on the side of the scaffolding says, "No diving unless drone is on duty." The small addendum says, "No drone on duty."

-From the Summer 1967 Alumni Review

Twenty years in the breaking

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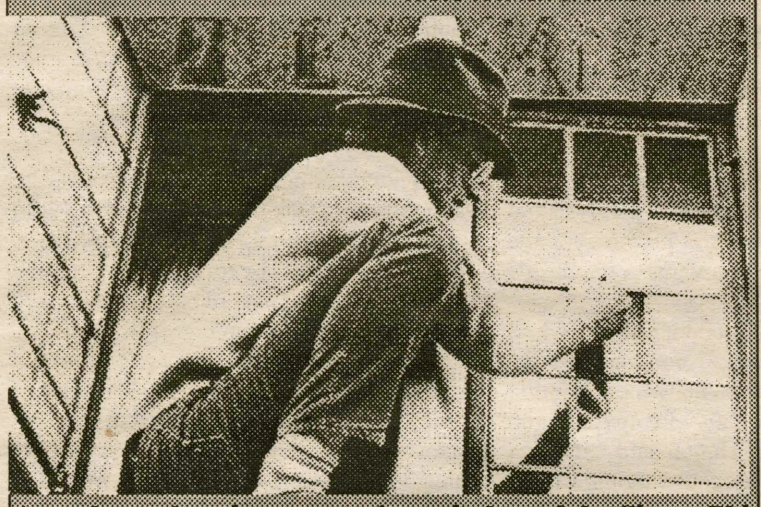
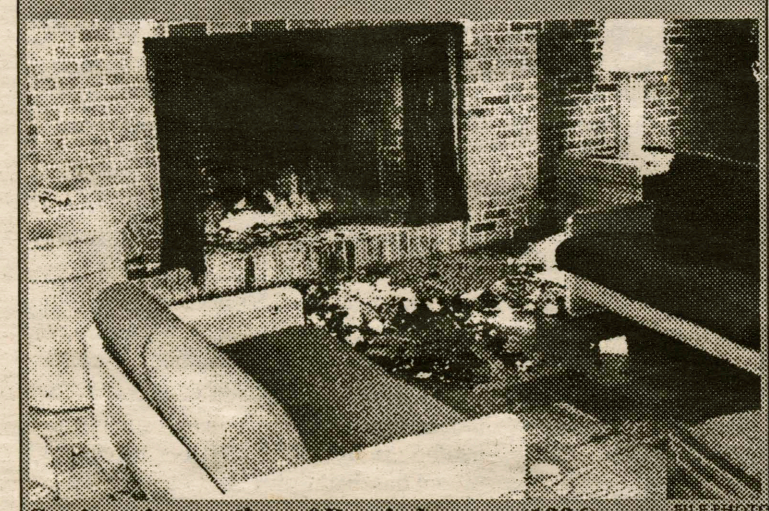


A student takes time to repair a window of the Sigma Phi House. (1976)



Student destruction of Bundy lounge. (1996)

FILE PHOTO

Reflections Editors
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The (Elihu Vedder) fountain, characterized by Director of Planned Giving Ben Medonia as "the most important sculpture in the College's collection," features a striding male figure in bronze atop a travertine basin and pedastal. The work was commissioned by Philip Vergilius Rogers, a Hamilton alumnus and local banker, for his home; the Rogers estate (now a residence hall) where it adorned the terrace for 90 years.

After the Rogers family donated the fountain to Hamilton in June 1994, it was sent to Cambridge, Massachussets for treatment by Daedalus, Inc., a fine arts conservation firm specializing in outdoor sculpture.

Where is the fountain now? While many sites on campus were considered, President and Mrs. Tobin, Vice President of Administration and Finance Daniel O'Leary, Vice President of Communications and Development Richard Tantillo, and Director of the Emerson Gallery Lise Holst made the decision to put the fountain on the front lawn of the President's house, a decision which has outraged the Rogers family. Philip Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Biology, grandson of P.V. Rogers, and donor of the fountain, said, "I gave it to the College to put in the art gallery. My expectation was that it was to go in the gallery."

-From a *Spectator* article by Dan McAllister '99, published in the October 23, 1998 issue

Reflections-why look at them?

Spectator Reflections Compilers

The Reflections section will provide an occasional view into the Hamilton of years past, while juxtaposing that view with relevant views of present-day Hamilton. We hope that by presenting this information, we can help everyone further their knowledge of what has remained constant at Hamilton over the years and what has changed.

There is much of value that can be gained by knowing what those who came before us were concerned with, and what they chose to ignore. It is also comforting to think of generations before us doing things similar to what we do today. At the same time, it may be encouraging to realize what has improved and discouraging to realize what has gotten worse.

However, such subjective considerations are not the business of this section of the newspaper, but are rather the business of you, the reader. We merely wish to compile the facts about past and present as they have already been published.

Women's X-C aims for Nationals

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The 1998 women's cross-country team was arguably the best in the program's history. The 1999 team has a good chance of being an even better team than it was last year.

Sophomores Maggie Hanson and Annie Toth are expected to lead this fast squad after a summer of intense training. Hanson is coming off an outstanding outdoor track season in which she finished ninth in the Division III NCAA Championships in the 3,000-meter run.

She said about the 1999 season, "Although we will miss last year's graduates, we have a solid bunch of returning runners and some phenomenal freshman. New York is sending four teams to nationals this year, and we're hoping to be one of them. Undoubtedly, it's going to be an exciting season."

A strong incoming class of freshmen, including Jennifer Cammarano, Tricia Kowalski, Sara Roitman, Andrea Stroud, and newcomer Sophomore Kelsi Backus are expected to make strong contributions and challenge the returning runners.

Senior Lesley Vars and junior Emily Hill are the co-captains and will try to lead the team as well as their two predecessors, Tara Woolford and Katie Wasilenko, who graduated in '99. They will join Hanson and Toth as key returning members of the squad. Hill said, "Although we graduated three key seniors last year, we should be able to do just as well, if not better this season because of the huge number of new runners. There are nine freshmen and two new upperclassmen, plus a solid core of returning girls. There is tons of potential, and I feel like we're already coming together as a team. It should be a fun season."

Vars is returning to the team after studying abroad last fall. She said, "It looks to me like the women are going to have a great season; possibly one of the best ever. A lot of people trained hard over the summer, which has contributed to the high quality of our workouts. Everyone seems upbeat and excited about the season."

Coach Ellen Hull is optimistic about the season but will know more about the team after the first meet this weekend at Union College. "It's hard to predict how the season's going to go until after the first race. Co-captains Tara Woolford and Katie Wasilenko are difficult to replace, but I think that there are runners who will step up to the challenge. There are some great new runners with lots of potential, and everyone's done her homework, so their should be some pretty fast times."

The team looks to continue its success against a perennially weak Union team this weekend in Saratoga. The team also hopes to improve its standing within the NESCAC with a strong home performance after an eighth place finish last year.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Damon and Jeff, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

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Minnesota at Atlanta 9/12	Vikings	Falcons	Vikings	Vikings
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New England at NY Jets 9/12	Jets	Patriots	Patriots	Jets
Arizona at Philadelphia 9/12	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
Oakland at Green Bay 9/12	Packers	Packers	Raiders	Packers
Miami at Denver 9/13	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
MLB				
Toronto at Detroit 9/12	Blue Jays	Tigers	Blue Jays	Blue Jays
Boston at NY Yankees 9/12	Yankees	Yankees	Red Sox	Red Sox
Oakland at Tampa Bay 9/12	A's	A's	A's	A's
Chicago Cubs at Houston 9/12	Astros	Astros	Cubs	Astros
Pittsburgh at St. Louis 9/12	Cardinals	Pirates	Pirates	Cardinals
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Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter dies at age 53

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jim "Catfish" Hunter, the Hall of Fame pitcher who ushered in baseball's era of big bucks for free agents, died today at age 53 after battling the disease named after another New York Yankees great, Lou Gehrig.

Hunter died at his home in Hertford, N.C., according to George Byrum of Swindell Funeral Home. Hunter had been in the hospital for seveal weeks after falling and hitting his head, but he improved enough to be sent home Saturday, according to the Rev. Keith Vaughan, a family spokesman.

Hunter was one of baseball's most dominant pitchers during a 15-year career that brought him five World Series rings with the Oakland Athletics and the Yankees. He strung together five straight 20-victory seasons, pitched a perfect game and won a Cy Young Award.

He became the first multimillionaire player when he was declared a free agent on a technicality after the 1974 season, then became the Yankees' workhorse the following two years, completing 51 of 75 starts and leading them to their first pennant in 12 seasons.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner never doubted Hunter was worth every penny he got, calling him the cornerstone of the team's 1970s championships. More than simply a crafty pitcher with a range of speeds and exquisite control, Hunter gave the fractious Athletics and Yankees leadership.

"He exemplified class and dignity and taught us how to win," Steinbrenner said.

Hunter was a player's player, fiercely competitive on the field, a prankster who loved to have fun with teammates after the game.

In September 1998, Hunter learned he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a neurological disease that attacks nerves in the spinal cord and brain that control muscle movement, causing progressive paralysis and leading to death. There is no cure for the condition, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

A dedicated outdoorsman, Hunter first noticed the neurological condition in the winter of 1997-98 when he was out hunting near his farm. "I couldn't lift my shotgun with my right hand," Hunter said. "It was a little bit cool that day, and I thought there was something wrong with me that would go away. But it just kept getting worse."

At first, he thought it might be a tick bite, but after repeated visits to doctors in Norfolk, Va., and the Duke and Johns Hopkins medical centers, Hunter got the dreaded diagnosis. "Right then," Hunter said, "I couldn't even talk."

He knew the story of Gehrig, the Yankees' Hall of Famer who died of ALS at age 37 in 1941.

Doctors put Hunter on a drug regimen to slow the disease but it progressed quickly, leaving the once strong-armed pitcher unable to function without help. He talked of how Helen, his high school sweetheart and wife of more than 30 years, helped him through each day, dressing him and cutting his food.

"Once in a while," he said, "we sit there and cry together."

Hunter made a brief visit to the Yankees' training base in Tampa, Fla., last spring. He was barely able to shake hands with old teammates. I'm doing all right," he said at the time. "It's just my hands and arms don't work right."

He said he thought of his three children, Todd, then 28, Kim, 25, and Paul, 18. He also thought of a 3-year-old grandson, Taylor. "I'd like to see them grow up," he said.

Old friends were shocked when they saw him. His arms hung limp at his side. His hands seemed soft and puffy, a far cry from the powerful hands of the pitcher and farmer he had been.

The Kansas City Athletics found Hunter in Hertford, and owner Charles O. Finley, intent on promoting his players to the hilt, pinned the nickname "Catfish" on him. To friends and family, however, he always remained Jim.

Hunter came up with the A's in 1965 and punctuated the team's move to Oakland in 1968 with a perfect game against the Minnesota Twins. At the time, it was just the seventh perfect game in modern baseball history.

Starting in 1971, Hunter strung together five straight 20-victory seasons, winning the AL Cy Young Award in 1974. After that season, he was declared a free agent by arbitrator Peter Seitz because Finley had failed to make payments on an annuity that was part of his contract.

At the time, with baseball's reserve clause still in place, it was unprecedented to have a star of Hunter's magnitude available on the open market. That autumn, major league club executives trudged into Hertford to recruit Hunter, who was more interested in going out to hunt than talking contract.

Finally, Hunter agreed to $3.75 million, five-year deal with the Yankees that, for tax reasons, was announced on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1974.

"That was certainly the wakeup call about how underpaid players were," said Marvin Miller, the head of the players' association at the time. It was a move from one raucous team to another, and Hunter was a central figure on both franchises.

"I never thought I'd be 50 years old," he said, thinking back on his some of the wild times he spent with the A's and Yankees. "I thought I'd die before then because ballplayers when I played ball loved to have a good time, go out together. I loved it."

In today's baseball economics, Hunter's contract was a small-change deal. But it made him the highest-paid player in baseball history at the time, and set the stage for full-scale free agency, which began after the 1976 season.

Hunter finished his career with the Yankees in 1979, winning 224 games in 15 seasons and pitching in five World Series. He returned to his hometown and his farm and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1987. "I would trade all of that for good health," Hunter said as he battled ALS. "I'd be a groundskeeper and not let anybody know me."

In an interview with reporters last spring, Hunter said, "A lot of people are good for a long time with it (ALS), a lot of people don't ... The main thing is to keep on hoping, keep on trying, keep on believing."

A funeral was scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday in Cedar Wood Cemetery in Hertford, behind the field where Hunter played high school baseball.

The Spectator Sports Spotlight: Two Seniors take "Road" less traveled

by Paul O'Donnell '01
GUEST SPORTS WRITER

It was the end of August, a time when most college students return to the hill from near and far. The majority of Hamilton students pack up their cars with their belongings, yet others travel by train or even plane if they are coming from long distances. But this year two seniors chose to travel to school by an unusual means.

D.J. Postles '00 and Bill Pyles '00 canoed 210 miles up the Erie Canal from Buffalo, NY. Both students began their one-week journey on Friday, August 20 from the mouth of the canal and arrived at Lock 21 near Rome on Thursday, August 26. In the beginning, both were expecting a fun and calm ride on the canal, but their trip took a few unexpected turns.

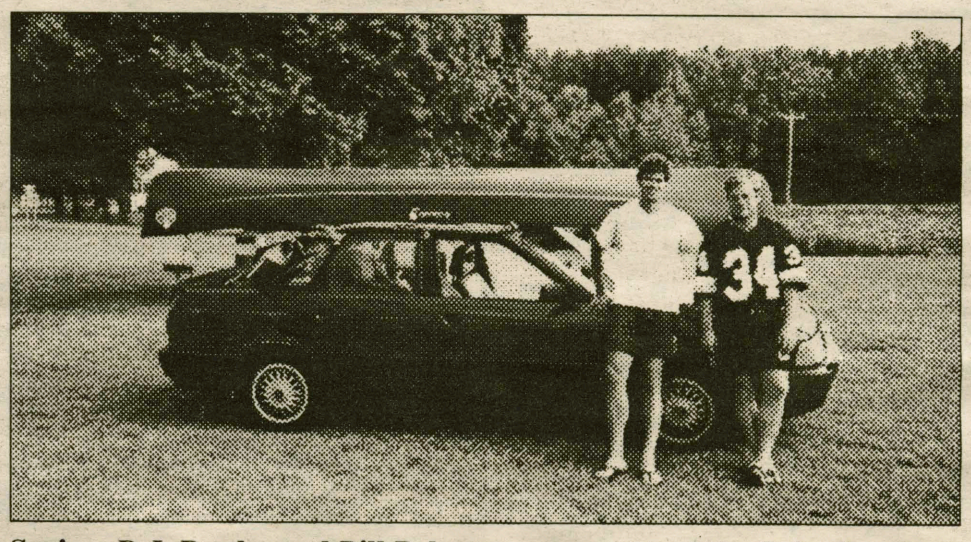
Things began normally enough. They loaded up their canoe with the necessities for the week, which included a tent, a few pair of clothes and shoes, food and a camping stove, cameras to record their journey, a small stereo to help pass the days away, and a few other camping items. Their ride got off to a bit of a rough start as the rope they were using to lower their gear-laden craft snapped and Pyles fell into the water.

After a slow start, Postles and Pyles began their journey on a rainy Friday. The first few days they paddled between 30 to 35 miles and camped along the side of the canal, stopping at a few small towns along the way for lunch. Their days were routine; they woke up at 6 am and paddled until seven at night. At times they had to paddle in the dark up to 9:30 in the evening due to lack of sufficient camp grounds.

Their toughest day was the seventh day when they woke up and knew that a storm was due that day. They canoed four miles to the mouth of Oneida Lake, the largest of New York's lakes, as it is 25 miles long and five miles wide at its longest point. Both of them recall not believing the immense size of the lake, compared to the canal that they had been traveling on all week. Although it was a bit windy, both students knew they had to make it at least partially into the lake, otherwise they would fall off their planned schedule, which was set to make it to school on Friday. As they headed into the waves, water splashed into the boat, but it was not a significant amount. As the two made their way past the point, however, the winds picked up significantly and waves were continuously rolling into the canoe. Within 20 minutes, the canoe was underwater and Postles and Pyles watched all their possessions begin floating away. They quickly gathered up what they could and tied everything to the canoe, and the two of them floated onto shore, having only lost a tarp, food, a water bottle, and a radio. The two students floated and kicked ashore for almost 2 hours into a marina, where they paid a man $30 to drive them and their canoe to the end of the lake.

When they reached the end of the lake, they repacked their canoe, and canoed the last five miles to Lock 21. Looking back on the trip, Pyles said, "Although the trip was long and exhausting, it also had its fun and adventurous moments!"

Postles added, "It was a unique trip, too. It's not everyday that one canoes to school!"



Seniors D.J. Postles and Bill Pyles prepare to travel the Erie Canal.

Field hockey season begins today

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squad.

Coach Hollands will also look to junior Jen Harker, and sophomore goalie Lorena Gonzalez to step up their play for the upcoming season. Gonzalez had a very good freshman campaign, and will be relied on heavily to keep the other teams scores at bay.

"We are looking forward to our challenging schedule," added Hollands.

A challenging schedule is a pretty big understatement. The team opens the season with two home games this coming weekend versus Rensselear, and a tough Skidmore squad. In the Sunday game versus Skidmore, the team is looking forward to avenging a tough loss from last year.

Other tough games include their away opener versus a very good Scranton squad. Games on successive weeks, the 2nd at home versus Cortland, and the 9th at William-Smith, will provide a good indication of just how good this young Continental squad is. Cortland was ranked 2nd in the nation last year, and William-Smith is a constant in NCAA tourney play.

The preseason has gone well, and Coach Hollands sincerely believes that her young team has "gelled as a group." With the competitive schedule the team has, it will not take long to see just how well this team performs.

PHOTO BY MOLLIE GARDNER '03

Freshman Courtney Higgins sprints downfield during practice this week.

Women's soccer relies on even mix of newcomers and returning stars

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season are senior center mid-fielder Courteney Zimmer, who registered two goals and three assists last fall, and senior fullback Kelly McKeown.

"This year looks really promising; we have lots of strong freshmen and returning players. It should be interesting because we have about the same number of experienced players as we do inexperienced ones. But definitely people like Carissa Baritell and Amanda Chase should step in and play a lot for us," said McKeown.

The Continentals open up Sunday at home against Potsdam, which will be one of the weaker teams that they will play. Their early season schedule is not too hard and means the team should get off to a good start, with three of Hamilton's first five games being against less than dominating programs.

Coach Viscomi added, "I'm excited for the season, the kids are excited, and everything we're doing is really positive."

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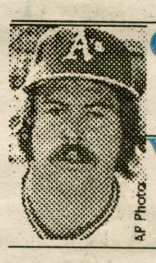

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Team looks to improve in NESCAC

Young defense may hold key to men's soccer success

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS WRITER

As the 1999 NCAA soccer season approaches, expectations and hopes are high on the hill. The Hamilton Continentals, once again led by coach Perry Nizzi, prepare to embark on what promises to be an exciting and challenging season.

After missing the ECAC tournament on a technicality last season, Coach Nizzi hopes to improve on the 7-5-2 mark posted by last year's squad. However, that will certainly not be an easy task due to a number of factors.

First, and perhaps most importantly, the Continentals suffered some key losses due to graduation. These included leading scorer Teddy Comerford, defensive sweeper Peter Montgomery, and starting goalie Brian Barker.

Having lost those experienced players, Nizzi acknowledged that the team is very young, especially defensively. Thus, much of the leadership and playmaking responsibilities will fall on the Continentals' experienced,starting midfield.

Senior tri-captain Sam Jackson leads this battle-tested group, along with junior Chris Sneed, and sophomore Nick Wilson. Defensively, coach Nizzi hopes tri-captain Peter Bellard will be able to lead a group that Nizzi described as "young, inexperienced, but very good."

Nizzi also stressed the importance of the defensive unit adding, "The success of this year's team is based on how quickly we gel as a defensive team."

Tri-captain Sam Jackson also stressed the importance of the defense, saying, "We need to combine goal scoring and tough defense, and I think we have the players to do that." The defense is made all the more important due to the loss of Comerford's scoring prowess.

PHOTO BY MOLLIE GARDNER '03

Sophomore Doug Bellard, here making a spectacular save, will start in goal for the Continentals.

Defense will also be important to sophomore goalkeeper Doug Bellard. Coach Nizzi commented that due to the late-season injury of Barker last season, Bellard was able to get vital playing time as a starter. This should allow Bellard to get in the flow quickly, and provide a stabilizing influence for the inexperienced defense.

Perhaps the most vital piece to the success of this year's team is the newly recruited class of freshmen. Although inexperienced, Nizzi hopes to get immediate impact play out of a number of freshmen. These players include offensive striker David Fox, midfielder Mike Thompson, Sky Gellatly, defender Huy Huynh, offensive striker Dimitry Maurice, and midfielder Nick Sarro-Waite. Jackson said this year's recruiting class, "is a good recruiting class, and if they step up and perform early, this team will improve." In addition, key contributions will be needed from returning players Ernest Kwarteng, tri-captain Sean Donohue, defensive stopper Art McCann, and experienced defender David Bugliari.

In addition to the inexperience of the squad, the Continentals face a daunting early season road trip, which includes away games at perennial powerhouses Middlebury and Williams and an important conference game at Union sandwiched in between. On this stretch of games, tri-captain Jackson said, "I am excited. If we can come away from those games with a winning record, we will be in great shape." Coach Nizzi agreed, saying, "That road trip will dictate the direction of this team."

The team plays many of its tougest games on the road, so they will need to be a dominant home team to ensure a tournament berth. Coach Nizzi stressed the importance of support from the home crowd, "I promise if they can support us at home games, we will give the fans plenty to scream about."

PHOTO BY MOLLIE GARDNER '03

Junior Dave Bugliari will be looked to provide defensive experience.

Field hockey looks for improvement

by Brent Zalaski '03
SPORTS WRITER

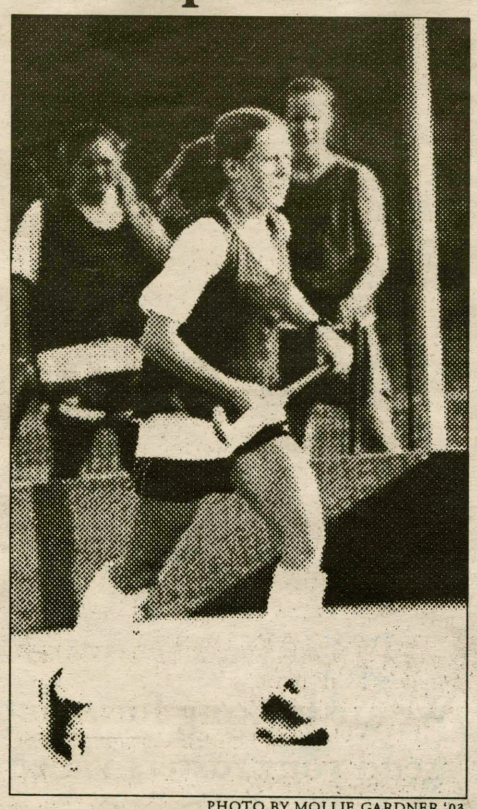
After a Herculean 11-2 record in the 1997 season, coach Karen Hollands was in a tough spot because of the graduation of many seniors. She lost many of her top players, and she knew things would not be easy.

The team dropped to a rough 5-9 in the coach's first year, but this does not look like a downward spiral for the Hamilton field hockey program. With an excellent recruiting class for this year, and solid players returning, the team looks to improve on last year's record.

"I don't want to hex the season, but we are obviously looking for an improved record for the upcoming season," said Coach Hollands.

Coach Hollands is most excited about her incoming freshman class. The class holds a lot of talent, including two who look to play significant roles on this year's squad. Courtney Higgins, from Hollens-Arms Academy in Maryland, and Ann Hemming from New Canaan High School in New Canaan, CT, look to garner either starting, or major supporting roles during the course of the season.

Despite losing all-conference defender Allison Warner, and leading goal scorer Cassie Giaotti to graduation, the team does have some important players coming back from last year's squad. Senior tri-captains Weatherly Ramsdell, Kara Wilson, and Sarah Wald all bring solid veteran play, and good leadership to this young Continental



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Freshman Molly Plummer runs a play during a recent practice.

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Women's soccer moving forward after disappointing 1998 season

by Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

In coach Sue Viscomi's third season as women's soccer coach, the program seems to be moving nowhere but up.

Coming off a 6-7-1 campaign that was a drastic improvement over the '97 season, this year's squad looks even more talented.

"This year is the first time we've had a solid starting eleven. We've had five, six or even seven or eight players that I've had confidence in in the past, but this year I think all eleven should be strong," said Viscomi.

The 1998 season saw the Continentals starting six freshmen, and this year's club remains very young, carrying only four upperclassmen on the roster. Among these six were the team's top two scorers, forward Julie Guastella, who had five goals and two assists despite missing five games due to a knee injury, and midfielder Emily Bayley who netted three goals and dished out four assists.

The biggest problem that the Continentals have experienced is maintaining a consistent defense. Injuries have played a major role in the defense's lack of success.

Coach Viscomi said, "We had definite trouble stabilizing our defense last year. We had no true sweeper; we tried Gwen (Matuszek) but she got hurt, then Amanda (Siepola), and then Kelly (McKeown), but all of them were really playing out of position. This year we have three freshmen who can play sweeper, so we should have solved that problem."

One freshmen defender, Jessica Bard said, "I think our team has a lot of potential. We've been working hard with double sessions and we look very strong so far. If we play like we're capable of we hopefully can make an end of the year tournament. The team is just about half freshmen and half sophomores, so I think we should build a strong team for the future as well."

Both returning goalkeepers are coming off injuries from last season. Senior captain Azure Davey played in only four games due to a knee injury, but did maintain an impressive .74 goals against average and a save percentage of 84%. Last year's starter for the majority of the season was sophomore Brenna Chiaputti, who tore her ACL during basketball season and is not yet ready to play.

The other two captains for the '99

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